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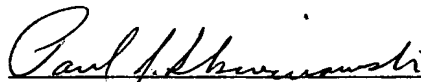
In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information under 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 for entry and consideration by the Office, and for printing on the first page of any patent issuing hereon, as listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 Equivalent.

Also attached is a copy of a Search Report/Written Opinion issued by the Austrian Patent Office on 24 February 2005 in a Singapore patent application corresponding to the present US case, as well as copies of all of the foreign references cited therein. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e), Applicant states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was first cited in the attached SR/Written Opinion not more than three (3) months prior to the filing date of this IDS.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(3), no separate explanation of relevance is submitted because an English language Abstract for each non English language reference also is attached and, as indicated in MPEP §609IIIA(3), the attached English language SR/Written Opinion by a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign Office.

This IDS is timely filed under 37 CFR §1.97(b) prior to mailing of a first Action on the merits in the subject application, and includes the statement required under §1.97(c). Applicant submits that all requirements under 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are complete, and respectfully requests the Examiner to return an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 Equivalent to indicate entry and consideration of the listed information.

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